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SUBJ: STRIKES CONTINUE BUT TENSION EASES

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1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH NO NOTABLE PROGRESS MADE IN EL TENIENTE STRIKE AND POSSIBILITY OF SYMPATHY STRIKE IN CHUQUICAMATA AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION, TENSION HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY EASED. SANTIAGO PARTIAL BUS STRIKE CONTINUES IN SPITE OF ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT, RANCAGUA CALM, AND NUBLE PROVINCE QUIETING DOWN. STEVEDORES REFUSED TO JOIN DOCK EMPLOYEES STRIKE, TRUCKERS POSTPONED ANY SHOWDOWN WITH GOVT FOR 30 DAYS, AND ALLENDE RETURNED FROM CAMPORA INAUGURATION. UP RESPONDED TO WHAT IT TERMED "OPOSITION OFFENSIVE" WITH MILITANT STATEMENT AND YOUTH MARCH IN SANTIAGO. MOMENTUM TOWARDS ANOTHER GENERAL SHUTDOWN APPEARS TO BE FLAGGING BUT COULD RESUME WITH ANY IMPORTANT

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DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THREATENED STRIKE AT CHUQUI, END SUMMARY.

2. NO NOTABLE PROGRESS REGISTERED IN RESOLVING EL TENIENTE STRIKE, NOW IN 41 ST DAY. BACK- TO- WORK ORDER NOW IN EFFECT; STRIKERS DENOUNCED ORDER BUT MORE MINERS THAN USUAL DID REPORT FOR WORK MAY 28. GOVT HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT YET TO USE ANYTHING BUT PERSUASION TO ENFORCE ORDER. OPPOSITION CLAIMS GOVT STRATEGY IS TO " STARVE" MINERS BACK TO WORK. REMAINING UNITS OF CHUQUICAMATA WILL REPORTEDLY VOTE TODAY ON POSSIBLE SYMPATHY STRIKE. CHUQUI UNION LEADERS NOW REPORTING TO THEIR MEMBERS ON THEIR VISIT TO TENIENTE. SOME CHUQUI LEADERS ALSO PUBLICLY DENOUNCED BACK- TO- WORK ORDER. STRIKERS, MEANWHILE, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY, LATEST FROM COPPER SUPERVISORS AND METAL WORKERS FEDERATION. PROTESTING WHAT THEY CONSIDER FAILURE TO BACK TENIENTE STRIKERS, PDD- LED GROUP OF COPPER MINERS SEIZED COPPER WORKERS CONFEDERATION OFFICES IN SANTIAGO, MAY 26, ALLEGEDLY FINDING A FEW STICKS OF DYNAMITE; POLICE ACTING ON ORDERS OF SANTIAGO INTENDENTE PEACEFULLY OUSTED THEM A DAY LATER.

3. RANCAGUA CALM AFTER MAY 25 VIOLENCE. JDC MARCHERS ARRIVED WITH ONLY MINOR INCIDENT, ELICITING BALES OF PUBLICITY IN OPPOSITION PRESS AND STATEMENT FROM COMMUNIST INTENDENTE LUIS BAEZA OF O' HIGGINS DENOUNCING THEM AS " PROVOCATEURS." RANCUGUA STUDENTS, DOCTORS, AND OTHER GUILDS STILL ON STRIKE, AND STRIKING MINERS' WIVES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY RAIDO RANCAGUA WHICH IS BACK ON THE AIR. ACTING ARMY CINC GEN PINOCHET VISITED RADIO STUDIO MAY 28 TO APPLAUSE OF WOMEN; PINOCHET SAID HE WAS JUST SEEING FOR HIMSELF WHAT RANCAGUA SITUATION WAS LIKE. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MET WITH ACTING PRESIDENT ALMEYDA MAY 26. RANCAGUA DOCTORS ASSN. FORMALLY CALLED FOR IMPEACHMENT OF BAEZA.

4. SANTIAGO BUS STRIKE SPUTTERS ON IN SPITE OF GOVT ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH STRIKING DRIVERS. ONE SEGMENT OF DRIVERS UNION REJECTED AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, AND IS CONTINUING STRIKE. SOME BUSES WERE ON STREET OVER WEEKEND AND THIS MORNING, BUT SERVICE STILL IRREGULAR. GOVT PROMISED POLICE PROTECTION FOR DRIVERS WISHING TO RETURN TO WORK AND ARRESTED 22 PERSONS, ALLEGEDLY STRIKING DRIVERS, WHO STONED BUSES WHICH WERE OPERATING. BUS SITUATION IN VALPARAISO ALSO UNRESOLVED, AND GOVT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTEDLY REQUISITIONED SEVERAL NON- OPERATING BUSES. AGREEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED ENDING STRIKE ON INTERSTATE BUS LINES.

5. WHITE COLLAR PORT EMPLOYEES IN VALPARAISO RESUMED STRIKE MAY 28 OVER HEALTH CARE GRIEVANCES, BUT PORT STILL OPERATING SINCE STEVEDORES REFUSED TO JOIN STRIKE.

6. APPARENT RESOLUTION OF MINT WORKERS STRIKE FELL APART  
AND STRIKE CONTINUES.

7. CONGRESS BEGINS CONSIDERATION OF IMPEACHMENT CHARGES  
AGAINST MINLABOR AND MINMINES TODAY. CUT ISSUED STATE-  
MENT BACKING BOTH.

8. TRUCK OWNERS MEETING MAY 28 AGREED TO 30 DAY PERIOD FOR  
GOVT TO RESOLVE TRUCKERS PROBLEMS, GOVT SPOKESMEN PRE-  
VIOUSLY HAD SPECULATED THAT RUCKERS MIGHT STRIKE.

9. SITUATION IN NUBLE PROVINCE APPARENTLY LESS TENSE. COMPE-  
SINOS REPORTEDLY RETURNED SOME FARMS THEY HAD SEIZED, AND  
POLICE ACTING ON COURT ORDERS PEACEFULLY OUSTED OCCUPIERS OF  
OTHERS. POLICE ALSO OUSTED GROUP WHICH SEIZED CHILLAN OFFICE OF  
CENADI DISTRIBUTOR.

10. UP ISSUED STATEMENT MAY 28 PLEDGING TO BACK GOVT WITH  
" ALL ITS FORCE" AND VOWING TO MEET OPPOSITION ON ANY BATTLE-  
GROUND IT CHOSE; STATEMENT ALSO DENOUCED OPPOSITION- INSPIRED  
EFFORTS TO CAUSE CIVIL WAR. UP YOUTH MARCHED AND RALLED IN  
SANTIAGO EVENING MAY 28; SPEAKERS CALLED ON PARTICIPANTS TO  
HELP PREVENT ANOTHER OCTOBER- LIKE SHUTDOWN.

11. ASKED HOW HE FELT TO BE HANDING PRESIDENCY BACK TO ALLENDE  
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